

## ABSTRACT

A wagering game facilitated by an electronic gaming machine. The game enhances conventional video poker by providing players a realistic opportunity to hit a royal flush. Ideally, players are provided an option to place a second wager once five initial cards are displayed. In response to the placement of the second wager, the machine replaces the a number of non-hold cards with royal flush cards such that the player holds four cards to the royal flush. Then a final card is displayed. If a royal flush is displayed, the player receives a payout of 40:1 or more on the second wager. With one of the embodiments described herein, the probability of a hitting a royal flush is decreased to 45:1. In an alternative embodiment, players are provided with a number of cards so that they hold two or three cards to the royal flush.

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